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SUBJ: ROK ASSISTANT FONMIN IN BOTSWANA

REF: SEOUL 6586

1. KIM DONG WHIE VISITED BOTSWANA LATE LAST WEEK, ACCOMPANIED BY KOREAN FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER CHIEU (SPL-FNU) FROM ROK EMBASSY ATHENS.

2. BECAUSE PRESIDENT AND MINISTER OF STATE (FOREIGN AFFAIRS) WERE ABSENT AT ZAMBIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY IN LUSAKA, AND OTHER MINISTERS WERE OUT OF TOWN ELECTIONEERING PRIOR TO OCTOBER 26 NATIONAL ELECTIONS, KIM WAS ABLE TO SEE ONLY PROTOCOL OFFICER MOEKETSI FROM EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ON OCT. 23. IN DEBRIEF WITH DCM FOLLOWING THAT MEETING KIM APPRAISED GOB POSITION AS NOT YET HAVING COME TO A FINAL DECISION. KIM SAID HE HAD OFFERED AN ADVISER ON TAI KWANG DO, BECAUSE OF PREVIOUSLY EXPRESSED INTEREST BY PRESIDENT KHAMA. KIM SAID MOEKETSI LISTENED ATTENTIVELY TO HIS DEMARCHE, TOOK NOTES AND PROMISED TO REPORT TO HIS MINISTER AS SOON AS HE RETURNED FROM LUSAKA.

3. COMMENT: DURING LUNCH WITH AMBASSADOR AND DCM PRIOR TO HIS MEETING WITH MOEKETSI, KIM NOTED THAT HE HAD REQUESTED
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APPOINTMENTS WITH GOB BY CABLE FROM NAIROBI AND WAS "ASKED

NOT TO COME" (PROBABLY BECAUSE OF ABSENCE OF GOVERNMENT VIEW AND IMMINENT ELECTIONS). KIM SAID THEY CAME ANYWAY RECOGNIZING THEY MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH MUCH BECAUSE THEY HAD ALREADY ARRANGED THE ITINERARY TO INCLUDE BOTSWANA. KIM FELT THAT HE HAD ACCOMPLISHED AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE DURING HIS SHORT STAY. AMBASSADOR ENCOURAGED KIM, DURING HIS TRAVELS AND ESPECIALLY IN ADDIS, TO TAKE NOTE OF AND MAKE AN EFFORT TO INFLUENCE THE OAU, WHICH APPEARS HERE TO HAVE IMPORTANT INFLUENCE AMONG SMALLER AFRICAN STATES PARTICULARLY REGARDING INTERNATIONAL ISSUES WHICH DO NOT HAVE DIRECT LOCAL AFRICAN IMPLICATIONS.

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